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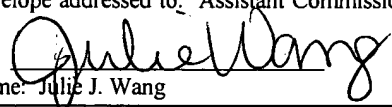
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Title: RECOMBINANT PROTEIN POSSESSING HUMAN HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
RNA-DEPENDENT POLYMERASE ACTIVITY AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

NE On page 4, lines 8-9, please replace "Tan, B.E., *et al.*, Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 1997" with —Z-H. Yuan *et al.*, Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications 232: 231-235, 1997—.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to correct a typographical error in a reference to prior art.